



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING May 26, 2009 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Blum.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Iya G. Falcone, Dale Francisco, Roger L. Horton, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Das Williams (6:32 p.m.), Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, Acting City Attorney N. Scott Vincent, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, May 21, 2009, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Subject: Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hear presentations from the Fire and Police Departments on their recommended Fiscal Year 2010 budgets.

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (Cont'd)

Documents:

- May 26, 2009, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Fire Department Staff.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Police Department Staff.

Public Comment Opened (Continued from May 6, 2009):
6:03 p.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: Acting Fire Chief Andrew DiMizio, Administrative Services Manager Peter Ramsdell, City Administrator James Armstrong.
- Fire and Police Commission: Commissioner Tom Parker.
- Members of the Public: Jon Turner, Santa Barbara City Firefighters Association; Sandra Squires; Isaac Garrett.

Discussion:

Fire Department Staff presented the department's General Fund budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2010. A \$908,000 budget reduction target would be achieved mainly through a combination of an increase in mutual aid revenue and workforce reductions. The impacts related to the workforce reductions were described. Staff also outlined additional contingency budget reductions to address further problems in General Fund revenues. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Recess: 7:18 p.m. - 7:29 p.m.

Speakers (Cont'd):

- Staff: Police Chief Camarino Sanchez, Deputy Police Chief Frank Mannix, Police Captain Alex Altavilla, City Administrator James Armstrong, Acting City Attorney N. Scott Vincent.
- Fire and Police Commission: Commissioner Tom Parker.
- Members of the Public: Dr. Greg McDonald; Dr. Lee Heller, Dog PAC Santa Barbara; Peggy Langle, Santa Barbara Humane Society; Timothy Collins; Charles McChesney, Santa Barbara Police Officers Association.

Discussion:

Police Department Staff presented an overview of both the department's organization, which includes 140 sworn police officers, and its proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget. The department's balancing strategy for its share of the projected General Fund decrease would be met through fee increases and non-sworn workforce reductions. The service level impacts resulting from the elimination of positions were explained. Staff also described additional contingency budget adjustments. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

By consensus, the public hearing was continued to June 1, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

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MARTY BLUM MAYOR	SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC DEPUTY CITY CLERK